



City of Marietta

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Meeting Minutes PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

*Jim King, Chairperson
Grif Chalfant
Annette Lewis*

Thursday, August 29, 2013

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

Presiding: Jim King

Present: Grif Chalfant, and Annette Lewis

Also Present:

R. Steve Tumlin, Mayor

Johnny Sinclair, Council - Ward 3

G. A. (Andy) Morris - Ward 4

Anthony Coleman, Council - Ward 5

Philip M. Goldstein, Council - Ward 7

William F. Bruton, Jr., City Manager

Daniel White, Assistant City Attorney

Stephanie Guy, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

20130827 Regular Meeting - July 31, 2013

Review and approval of the July 31, 2013 regular meeting minutes.

The July 31, 2013 regular meeting minutes were approved during the August 28, 2013 regular Public Works meeting.

No Action Taken

BUSINESS:

20130765 Speed Table Ordinance

Approval of revisions to the Speed Table Ordinance.

Chairman King suggested that citizens be allowed to speak regarding this matter prior to Council discussion.

*Speakers included:**Howard Harris, who lives on Hampton Place in Whitlock Manor**Chad Ellis, who lives on Arden Drive**Steve Beasley, who lives on Arden Drive**James Tarver Lowe, who lives on Lee's Trace**Robbie Frizzell, who lives on Chesterfield Place**Melissa Drehs, who lives on Lee's Trace**Christy Roberts, who lives in Whitlock Square**David Drake, who lives in Carriage Oaks*

In depth discussion was held regarding proposed amendments to the Speed Table Policy. Possible changes included the criteria used to determine if streets qualify for study and whether to use a balloting process or petition to gauge resident approval.

There was general agreement that traffic data should be collected from selected residential streets to determine the 95th percentile speed. Further, if the 95th percentile speed is 5mph or more over the posted speed limit and the ADT is between 300 and 3000 vehicles, the residential street qualifies for a public meeting. Instead of the balloting process, public hearings similar to those held for rezonings would be held to determine whether speed tables shall be installed. Instead of the balloting process, petitions would be accepted during the public hearing, but would not be required.

Staff was directed to add language regarding minor changes. The proposed speed table location may shift up to 3 feet prior to installation of the speed tables based upon resident's concerns and the engineering feasibility to make such modifications. Language would also be added that written requests from residents for removal of a speed table can only be made after the speed table has been installed for a minimum of 2 years.

After further discussion Mayor Tumlin suggested that the Speed Table Policy be adopted as an ordinance and included in the City Code. He also suggested that there be a variance procedure that would allow Council to vary from the procedures or standards set forth in the ordinance. There was a consensus of Council to adopt the policy as an ordinance and to add a variance procedure.

A motion was made by Council member Chalfant, seconded by Council member Lewis, to move forward the Speed Table Ordinance incorporating the changes suggested by Council. This matter would be referred to the Agenda Work Session for review and further discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 3 - 0 - 0 Referred to the City Council Agenda Work Session

A motion was made by Council member Lewis, seconded by Council member Chalfant, to add an item to the Agenda Work Session to review the list of streets that have requested traffic calming to determine if the speed limit should be reduced to 25 mph, if it is not already. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 3 - 0 - 0 Referred to the City Council Agenda Work Session

Prior to adjourning, Chairman King mentioned that Council would discuss the next steps for the areas that have already gone through the balloting process at the Agenda Work Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Guy, City Clerk

Approved: _____